(*e*) whether the Chief Engineer has received a deputation of the Work Establishment staff, and, if so, whether he has made any recommendations to the Government upon the representation made by the deputation;

(*f*) whether they are aware that the Work Establishment staff has been made permanent and pensionable in the sister State of Cochin; and

(*g*) whether they will be pleased to consider the question of making the Work Establishment staff a part of the permanent staff of the Public Works Department?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No; they are only allowed to have 14 days' leave on full pay during a year.

(*e*) Yes; but the Chief Engineer has made no recommendations to the Government.

(*f*) The answer is in the negative.

(*g*) The answer is in the negative.

MR. K. I. JOSEPH (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Sir, I wish to have a ruling regarding disallowance of interpellations. Under Rule 8, has the President got any power to disallow questions or to amend or return the questions to members?

PRESIDENT: I shall consider the matter and give a ruling at the next session.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Sir, some questions were asked by me in Karkatakam last, *i. e.*, in 1100, and I was made to repeat those questions three or four times and till now they have not been answered. To-morrow is the only day left and if the Government are not prepared to answer those questions, there is no use of making us again and again repeat the questions.

PRESIDENT: I suggest to the member to write to the Secretary to the Legislative Council about that.

We will now proceed with the discussion on Motion 313.

DEMANDS FOR GRANTS—(*contd.*)

DEMAND XV—AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES—(*contd.*)

***Motion 313*—(*contd.*)**

MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): I beg to support the motion brought forward by Mr. C. P. Tarakan with a view to the abolition of the monopoly on lime-shells. In this connection, I should like to bring to the notice of the Government and this House certain facts which have come to my knowledge. I visited Kumarakam which is the main seat of the lime-shell industry, just after the first

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